



STAC December 2023 Small Farms and Urban Agriculture Update

Definitions

Urban Agriculture – USDA:

- “Urban agriculture includes cultivating, processing and distributing agricultural products in urban and suburban areas. ”

Small Farms – USDA:

- Gross cash farm income under \$250,000.
- 91% of farms are small
- Large farms (\$250,000 +) account for 85% of the market



Market Gardens





Community Gardens





Community Orchards



Natural
Resources
Conservation
Service

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Incubators



Intensive Grazing Systems

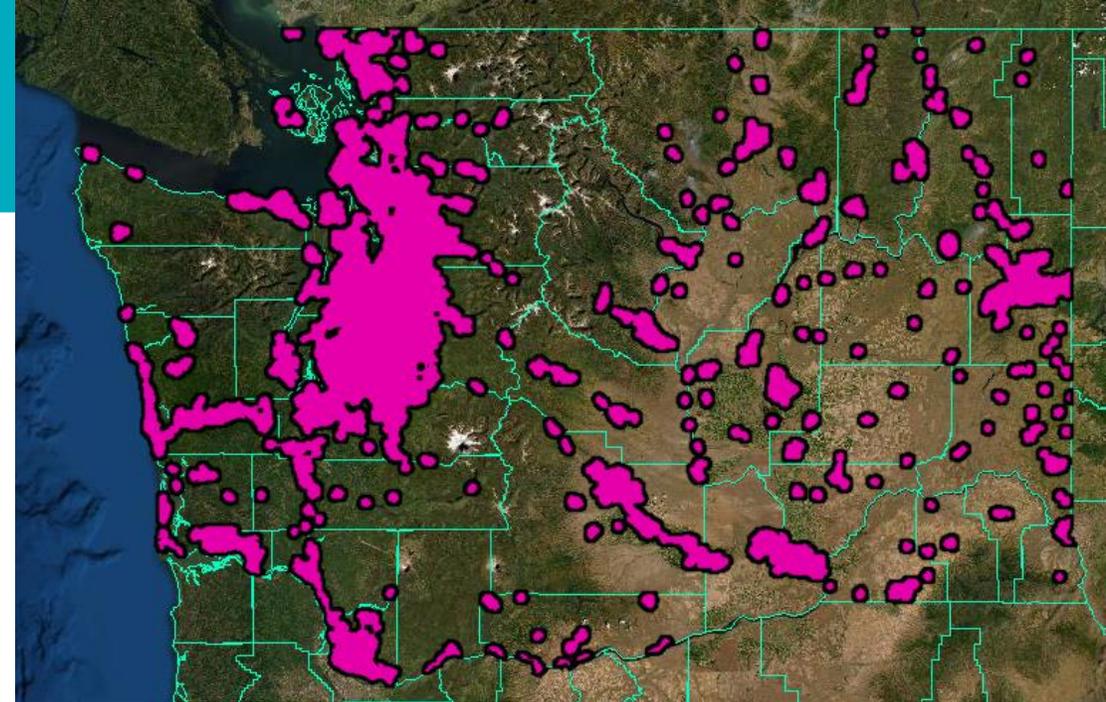


Small Footprint



FA Prioritization Approach

- **Urban Boundary**
 - 2 mile buffer
 - 51% PLU intercept
- **Fund Pools**
 - Urban: Just less than 5% budget
 - HU Pools: 5% of budget



New Payment Scenarios

- **New national priority: Urban Agriculture**
 - Small Acreage Reimbursements



311	Alley Cropping	442	Sprinkler System
314	Brush Management	449	Irrigation Water Management
315	Herbaceous Weed Treatment	464	Irrigation Land Leveling
316	Animal Mortality Facility	490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
317	Composting Facility	512	Pasture and Hay Planting
325	High Tunnel System	516	Livestock Pipeline
327	Conservation Cover	528	Prescribed Grazing
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	558	Roof Runoff Structure
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till	570	Stormwater Runoff Control
340	Cover Crop	575	Trails and Walkways
342	Critical Area Planting	590	Nutrient Management
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till	595	Pest Management Conservation System
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation	603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers
382	Fence	612	Tree/Shrub Establishment
386	Field Border	643	Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	660	Tree-Shrub Pruning
412	Grassed Waterway	805	Amending Soil Properties with Lime
420	Wildlife Habitat Planting	808	Soil Carbon Amendment
430	Irrigation Pipeline	812	Raised Bed
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation	821	Low Tunnel Systems

Staffing

- **No Urban Service Centers**
- **Training to FOs**
 - OJT
 - Statewide trainings



Urban Starter Pack



Code	Practice
325	High Tunnel
490	Site Preparation
422	Hedgerow
484	Mulching (Woodchips)
315 or 314	Herbaceous Weed Treatment or Brush Management

Common Practices

Code	Practice
340	Cover Crop
441	Microirrigation
420	Wildlife Habitat Planting
590	Nutrient Management
649	Structures for Wildlife
327	Conservation Cover
382	Fence
533	Livestock Water Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumping Plant • Livestock Pipeline • Watering Facility • Heavy Use Area Protection
516	
614	
561	



Gaining Traction

Code	Practice
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
345	Reduced Till
329	No Till
311	Alley Cropping
381	Silvopasture





New Practices



Low Tunnel System (821)



Soil Liming (805)



What is Garden Lime? | BBC Gardeners World Magazine

Soil Carbon Amendment (808)



Raised Beds (812)



Fence (382) – Temporary Electric (new scenario)



Organic Management Systems (823)

- Suite:
 - Perennial Buffers
 - Crop Rotation
 - Cover Crop
 - Nutrient Management
 - Pest Management
 - Prescribed Grazed
 - Livestock Infrastructure
 - Livestock Nutrient Balance



CSP Updates

- **5-year contract**
- **Annual Payment:**
 - Previously: \$1,500 minimum
 - **Now: \$4,000 minimum**





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